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*Kingdom denounces role*

## Soviets patrol Kabul streets

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 29 (R) — Soviet troops, many of them from Central Asia, patrolled the streets of Kabul Saturday enforcing security after Thursday night's Soviet-backed coup, according to reports reaching here from Asian and Western diplomats in Afghanistan.

The bloody coup brought President Babrak Karmal to power, ousting Hafizullah Amin who himself took power in a coup last September. Amin has been executed.

The diplomats said that among the heavily-armed Soviet soldiers were Uzdecs and Turkomans whose features are identical to many of Afghanistan's various racial groups.

The only Afghan officials on the streets were traffic police.

Ordinary communications with the land-locked country remained cut. Kabul's international airport was closed and Afghanistan's land route east to Pakistan through the Khyber Pass was sealed, officials said.

Joining the Soviet troops were members of the Parcham (Flag) faction of Afghanistan's ruling People's Democratic Party who emerged after the coup.

They wore white armbands for identification, the diplomats reported.

The Parchams, led by Karmal, were heav-

ily purged by former President Amin and forced underground.

Amin was executed for crimes against the Afghan people by a special revolutionary tri-

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The government of Saudi Arabia Saturday strongly condemned the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

A statement issued here described "the conspicuous intervention as a meddling in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and in violation of international law."

The statement added that the intervention "is an aggression against a sovereign and independent state."

Meanwhile, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Secretariat Habib Chatbi held talks Saturday in Jeddah.

Chatbi expressed the organization's concern against foreign intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

He described the Soviet intervention as a grave precedent in international relations.

bunl soon after the coup took place.

The Russian troops were airlifted to Kabul on Tuesday and Wednesday in more than 200

flights by Soviet military transport aircraft from bases just north of the Oxus River frontier between the two countries.

The Afghanistan armed forces, demoralized by Amin's purges and defections caused by the tribal rebellion which engulfs the country, remained in their barracks, the diplomats said.

In Moscow President Leonid Brezhnev Friday sent congratulations to Babrak Karmal.

"I warmly congratulate you upon your election to the post of general secretary to the central committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and to the highest state posts in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan," Brezhnev said, according to the official Tass news agency.

The Soviet leader added:

"I wish you big successes in your multifaceted activities for the good of the friendly Afghan people."

"I am confident that in the present conditions the Afghan people will be able to defend the gains of the April revolution, the sovereignty, independence and national dignity of Afghanistan."

In Washington, President Jimmy Carter dispatched Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher on a weekend mission to London to confer with European allies on the "grave threat to peace" posed by Soviet intervention in the affairs of its neighbor to the south.

A Soviet television report Moscow Friday acknowledged that Russian forces had a hand in the coup, but said the Kremlin was only responding to a request for aid from the Afghanistan government.

U.S. officials estimate some 10,000 Soviet troops are in Afghanistan, including 5,000 airlifted in last week. Some Russian combat troops took part in the Kabul coup, the officials said.

President Carter conferred with several West European leaders by telephone Friday and said the government chiefs of Britain, West Germany, France and Italy agreed the Soviet action was a "grave threat to peace."

Carter accused Kremlin leaders of "gross interference" in Afghanistan's internal affairs and of a blatant violation of internationally accepted rules of behavior.

Iran, which is at odds with the United States over the hostage siege in Tehran, spoke out sharply against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Tehran radio quoted Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh as saying "we strongly condemn the military intervention of the Soviet government in Afghanistan."

In Peking, the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said "Afghanistan's independence and sovereignty have become toys in the hands of Moscow."

The Italian Communist Party condemned the Soviet intervention as a "inadmissible violation of the principles of independence, sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of another country".

Meanwhile Afghan rebels opposed to the Soviet-backed government in Kabul destroyed an electric power station in the Afghan city of Jelalabad south of the capital, according to reports Friday from the Pakistan Press International (PPI) news agency.

Five guards at the power station were killed in the rebel attack Thursday during which the installation was destroyed with explosives, PPI said, quoting confirmed reports reaching Pakistan Friday.

In Panama City, meanwhile, President Aristides Royo said Panama would consider extradition of the former Shah if the American hostages were released by Iran.

Royo told a news conference Friday night that Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Quobzadeh had informed him that Iran would soon formally seek the extradition of the ex-Shah, who arrived from the United States Dec. 15.



CREDENTIALS: King Khaled Saturday received the letters of credence of the new West German ambassador to the Kingdom, Alfred Vestring. Born in 1930, Vestring was head of the West and Central Africa Section at the Federal Foreign Office in Bonn before being posted to the Kingdom. Before he was ambassador for three years in Tamanar. His previous service in the Middle East includes two years as head of the German embassy in Sanaa, and postings before that to Beirut and Rabat. The King also received the credentials of Tazila Zara, Rwanda's ambassador extraordinary, plenipotentiary and non resident.

### Panama promises extradition

## U.S. 'postpones sanctions'

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 29 (R) — The United States, responding to requests from Nonaligned nations, appeared ready Saturday to postpone further efforts to apply international economic sanctions against Iran.

Instead, according to well-informed officials, it would support a trip by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to Tehran to try to secure the release of the American hostages being held there.

With U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in New York for a Security Council meeting Saturday night the officials said a two-step plan was emerging to have the hostages freed.

The first step, they said, would be dispatching Waldheim to Tehran with a mandate from the 15-nation Security Council to negotiate the release of the hostages now heading for their ninth week of captivity at the U.S. embassy there.

If the Waldheim mission fails, officials said the way would then be cleared for the second step of economic sanctions, although there is far from unanimity among Security Council members over how these should be invoked.

Nonaligned nations, numbering seven on the Security Council, are said to be reluctant to join America in securing mandatory economic sanctions prohibiting trade with Iran.

The New York Times also reported Saturday that the United States has decided to defer its call for U.N. economic sanctions against Iran until after Waldheim has a chance to go to Tehran to try to free the American hostages being held there.

Citing European and other sources in the Security Council, the Times said that a trip to Iran by Waldheim was the heart of a plan that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was scheduled to unveil at a meeting of the council Saturday.

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MONTAZERI CRITICIZES U.N.: Ayatollah Hosseini Montazeri, a member of Iran's Revolutionary Council criticizing the United Nations for not giving the Third World countries the right of veto in the Security Council at Friday morning speech in Tehran.

The president said he would send a letter Saturday to the Iranian Revolutionary Council in reply to Quobzadeh's note.

He said "The principal point of the letter is to tell the Iranian government that we are ready to legally consider pertinent proceedings including the extradition of the ex-Shah of Iran but at the same time we ask the Islamic Revolutionary Council to comply with international norms, to free the hostages in Iran."

Royo said Iran violated international law by allowing students to seize the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and hold diplomats hostage.

Iranian students have been demanding the return of the Shah in exchange for about 50 American hostages they have been holding since storming the embassy Nov. 4.

In Tehran Friday night the students rejected Royo's offer and a spokesman told Reuters, "We think this is a tactic and he (Royo) is not being serious."

## Egypt offers bases to U.S.

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat says the United States should have presence in the Middle East and Egypt willing to help facilitate an American defense of the Gulf.

The Egyptian leader made his remarks in an interview published Saturday in weekly *October* magazine.

"The Arab Gulf countries are afraid," Sadat claimed. "They need to be defended. And they have no recourse but to turn to United States."

"Egypt is ready," he continued, "to extend facilities to American forces if United States wants to take up the defenses all these countries."

Sadat left unclear what he meant by facilities and whether he included naval and air bases in Egypt. The Egyptian leader expelled 15,000 Soviet military advisers in 1972 and has repeatedly said since that a foreign military presence in Egypt would not be permitted.

In a wide-ranging interview with ed Anis Mansour reviewing the events of 1979 and looking ahead Sadat was quoted as saying the taking of American diplomats host in Iran had "far-reaching repercussions."

"The United States now needs a presence in the region that is dictated by the needs of the Western civilization which is dependent on oil from this region," he was quoted as saying.

However a highly placed Bahraini source said the Gulf island informed the United States it would not facilitate the entry of warships to the Arab Gulf, according to *Kuwaiti daily al-Anbar* Friday.

"Bahrain will not make allowances of kind to the United States for bringing in ships to the Arab Gulf," he said.

## Jordan asserts opposition to peace accords

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (R) — Jordan's prime minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Shatila, has reiterated his government's opposition to the Camp David Middle East accords.

Sharif Abdul Hamid, who formed a cabinet 10 days ago, was quoted Saturday in the Paris-based *International and Arab Nahar* as saying that his government is opposed to the Camp David accords between the United States, Egypt and Israel and negotiations in their context.

"The talks on self-rule for Palestinian in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip) headed for a dead end, and there is no question of Jordan joining them," he said.

## Muslims condemn intervention

MECCA, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The secretariat general of the Muslim World League condemned the Soviet Union's open military intervention in Afghanistan.

In a statement Saturday, the secretariat general said the aim of the vicious plots against Afghanistan was to transform that country into a Communist state.

It urged Islamic governments and peoples and international organizations "to protest this crime which flouts all moral values and international principles and, at the same time, threatens world security."

It said that the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan has affirmed its method of imposing the Communist ideology by means of terror, oppression and destruc-

tion. The statement further urged the Islamic peoples and the peace-loving nations of the world to support the struggle of the people of Afghanistan to preserve its Islamic character and restore its dignity.

Kuwait also accused the Soviet Union of military intervention in Afghanistan and said such action could give other big powers cause for similar operation in the region, according to a foreign ministry spokesman.

He told reporters that Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah conveyed Kuwait's opposition when the Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Sikachov called at the foreign ministry Saturday to deliver a memorandum.

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## King, Turkish minister hold economic talks

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — King Khaled Saturday received the Turkish minister of finance, Ismat Siazkin, in Riyadh. According to SPA, the meeting was attended by the King's advisor, Dr. Rashad Pharaon, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, the minister of finance and national economy, and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan, deputy foreign minister.

SPA also reported that Siazkin had earlier Saturday met Aba Al Khalil to complete discussions begun at a previous meeting Wednesday. The agency reported then that Siazkin asked for Saudi Arabian "support" in the International Monetary Fund.

The kingdom was given a seat on the board of the IMF 18 months ago, in recognition of its major contributions to the fund. Turkey was allowed an IMF facility of \$300 million in the autumn, but severe terms for the loan have been imposed.

Turkey is also seeking a guaranteed oil supply from the Kingdom, which reports have put in the 100,000 barrels a day range. In June a Royal Decree was issued allowing the entitlement, but no agreement has yet been signed. The head of the Turkish national oil company, TPD, which would be Petrom's partner in the agreement, is on the ministers' party.

The Saudi Arabian crude will relieve Turkey of the burden of spot market purchases, which have been necessary since the beginning of the year by the loss of Iranian supplies and foreign exchange problems disrupting long-term contracts.

After the rises attendant on the Caracas meeting of OPEC oil ministers recently, all of Turkey's foreign exchange earnings might have to be diverted to oil import payments.

The Islamic Development Bank, to which Saudi Arabia is a major contributor, last summer made \$30 million available to finance imports as emergency assistance. When he flew to Jeddah Thursday Siazkin was met at the airport by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali. They lunched and later held talks, but no details were available.

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## By King us firm thanked or aid to troops

DAH, Dec. 29 — King Fahd has thanked the board of Saudi Public Transport Com. (SAPTCO) for its granting of aids to all soldiers handicapped from wounds received during the recent siege of the Holy in Mecca.

own Prince Fahd also ed the company for its noble

gesture towards the valiant troops *Al-Jazirah* reported Saturday. Board member Sheikh Saleh Kamel is in contact with the authorities in the Ministries of Defense and Aviation and Interior, as well as the National Guard, to issue the passes, which will carry the soldiers free of charge at all times on all the bus company's lines.

With King Khaled

## Djibouti leader arrives for talks

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AA, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Yemeni minister of agricultur Dr. Abd al-Wahab boud, Saturday received Tarrad Al-Harithy, the Arabian ambassador, and ed promoting relations.



Sheikh Saleh Kamel

Pilgrimage. Saturday he went to visit the Prophet's Mosque, after which he will fly to meet the King in Riyadh Sunday. Gouled is on his way home from a visit to China, Pakistan and North Yemen. He went to the latter two countries as courtesy visits to fellow Islamic states, officials says, but while in Peking he initial agreed an agreement on China's providing \$20 million in project assistance. Djibouti will nominate the schemes for which help is required.

When Djibouti became independent from France in 1977, Saudi Arabia granted it \$70 million in cash aid. Since then, it has received only negligible assistance from the world. Last year's state budget of \$60 million was paid for

## Riyadh talks to discuss

### Arab food self-sufficiency

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman will open the ninth session of the Arab Agricultural Development Organization here Jan. 7.

The meeting, at ministerial level, is being held at the invitation of the Saudi Arabian government. Over three days delegates will discuss agricultural development and food security in the Arab world, SPA reported Saturday.

They will also deal with achieving self-sufficiency in food in the Arab world and chart out a plan of action for the organization during 1980.

The ministers taking part in the session will tour agricultural areas to assess progress in farming in Saudi Arabia.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Water has meanwhile granted farmers land which proved to be viable for agriculture in Qasim, Shagha, Sudair, Mahmal, and

## Kingdom will increase aid made to Pakistan projects

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Saudi Arabia intends to increase its economic assistance to Pakistan with further project aid, according to local reports.

*Al-Riyadh* said Saturday that during his meetings last week with King Khaled, President Zia ul-Haq asked for help in project finance. No specific figure was mentioned.

The paper said that a team from the Saudi Fund for Development will leave for Pakistan by the end of January to assess the financial requirements of the proposed projects.

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### Miteb to lay foundation stone

## Teacher housing ceremony set

HASA, Dec. 29 — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb will lay the foundation stone for the first teachers' housing complex in Saudi Arabia a week Sunday.

The complex in Hasa, will comprise 2,136 living units and cost SR641 million. The project will cover an area of two million square meters. The first phase will be for 207 units worth SR62 million to be financed by the Real Estate Development Fund as a loan.

The ceremony will be attended by Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jilwi and other government officials in the Eastern Province, SPA reported Saturday.

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Seventy students have been selected from every primary school, 100 from intermediate schools and 200 from secondary schools. That makes a total of 450 primary students, 1,050 intermediate and 1,000 secondary

school students, according to *Al-Medina* Saturday.

The Education Director of Medina Abdul Aziz Rabee will meanwhile visit Wednesday sick children at the Maternity and Children's hospital in Medina, accompanied by scouts from the Badr center. They will distribute gifts to the children.

*Al-Jazirah* said meanwhile that the Faculties of Higher Studies and Medicine in Riyadh University have begun negotiations with the Ministry of Health on the programs for higher education particularly in gynecological, maternity and children's illnesses.

The fifth annual medical meeting will be held in the Faculty of Medicine at the end of April.

### Program starts

## Pupils given free lunch

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Children in Saudi Arabia got their first school meal of the academic year Saturday.

Free meals were distributed to children in Riyadh, Jeddah, Sharqieh, Mecca, Sudair, Taif, Iflaj, Hawtah, Haraq, Wadi Dawaser and Washm after four companies were commissioned to supply the lunches by the Ministry of Education.

As of Saturday, SAFE will distribute the meal in those areas to more than 321,130 children. The cost of each meal is over SR7. The meal different from last year as it now includes milk, cheese, orange juice, biscuits, peanuts, cake, almonds, nuts and chocolate, according to *Al-Riyadh* newspaper.

A survey will be carried out to check on the use made of farm land granted to the public. Where owners have not fulfilled that conditions the land will be repossessed.

The ministry has also carried out a thorough survey of potential agricultural land where water is available.

Four and a half million unused hectares of agricultural land have been identified in all parts of the Kingdom, and 3.5 million hectares are viable for farming now.

This land will be granted to the public. Applicants should see agricultural offices in their regions, an official said.

Another company, Bonikin, began distributing the meals Saturday to more than 100,000 children in the Eastern Province.

Each meal will cost SR6.65, and is made up of peanuts, juice, cake, almonds and Halawa.

The Saudi International Food Company, SIFCO, will distribute meals to 115,863 children from next Saturday in Qasim, Medina, Unaizah, Hail and Tabuk. Each meal will cost about SR5.

Last week Redec began distributing meals in the Southern Region.

### Grade school contracts let

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Contracts totalling SR9.5 million to build primary schools were signed by the Ministry of Education Saturday. Each will have nine classrooms. They will be built in Washm, Nijran, Qunfuzah and Afaj.

In the meantime, it was learnt that the ministry has so far set up 42 public libraries in various parts of Saudi Arabia, including Riyadh's National Library. There were more than one million books in those libraries at the end of 1978. Since that time, libraries have received additional books and cultural material worth some SR10 million.

## Saudi Comment

By Muhammad Reza Nasrullah  
*Al-Riyadh*

It is alright for businessmen to travel extensively in pursuit of their interests, but someone to live permanently abroad and dissociate himself from his country and people almost completely is both odd and unacceptable.

Even among this breed there are a few good men, like the Iraqi emigre who lived in Spain but never forgot his country and his people and the debt that he owed them. He built a sports stadium and, a museum at home, and continued to give it the benefit of his wealth.

Fortunately, our country has no lack of good and grateful rich men. One would wish to see them organized through associations to channel their donations, as is the case with the newly formed charitable organization led by Prince Salman of Riyadh.

I think writer Shibaib's recent letter to Adnan Khashoggi should have been sent privately so that he could read it alone. We know who this Khashoggi is, where he spends his nights and where he indulges in all the sins of the age in his private yachts and aircraft. Our country does not need him or his citizenship. So why should we try to make him do things that do not fit his exploitative and unethical nature?

He is a man who does evil and advertises it, besmirching the name of the country in the quagmire of his desires and international wheeling and dealing.

By Ibrahim Al-Daleel  
*Al-Medina*

Most landlords are again reluctant to take payment from their tenants for the new year, in the hope that the government will allow an increase in rentals as it has done for the past few years.

Most limited income tenants usually save up their rent throughout the year, by setting aside something each month. When landlords refuse to take payment, they tempt the tenants to use the money for something else, perhaps urgently needed by the household. Many eventually fall into arrears which can stretch their poor budgets.

Many tenants have complained to me that their landlords behave like that at the beginning of each year because they hope to get more for their properties. If they received rent in advance in a hurry, they fear, they might lose the benefit of the extra rent allowed by the government.

I am not here to pass judgement on either part. Some may have a point. It would be fair to expect the government to decide soon if there is going to be an increase this year.

## WEATHER

It will be cooler during the day and cold at night, especially in the northern region.

Skies will be cloudy to partly cloudy in most areas, with possible scattered thunder storms.

Winds will be easterly to north-easterly and occasionally active in the central, eastern and northern regions; causing sand haze.

Seas will be moderate.

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Jeddah	26	16	Hail	12	03
Riyadh	21	15	Turaif	10	00
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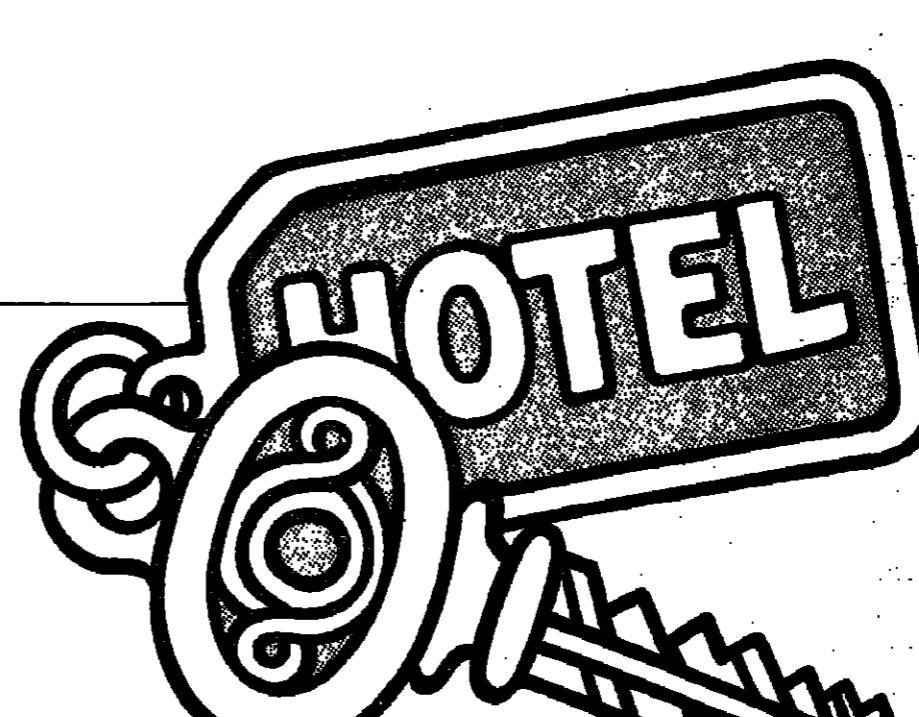
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## Carter undecided as Weizman asks for doubling aid

WASHINGTON Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman asked for more American assistance Friday, but sources said President Jimmy Carter has not yet decided whether he can comply.

Weizman talked with Carter for an hour at the White House. Israel has been seeking almost to double the military and economic aid package on \$1.8 billion it is receiving this year.

"We talked about how more aid will help us to bring the Israeli economy into better shape," Weizman told reporters after the meeting.

Weizman said he and Carter also discussed the overall Middle East situation, progress in

### Former Belgian prime minister to meet Arafat

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29 (R) — Former Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans is due to meet Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in Beirut next week, informed PLO sources said.

Tindemans starts a week's fact-finding tour of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria on Sunday. The sources said a meeting between Arafat and Tindemans had been agreed but still had to be fitted into the two leaders' schedules.

The talks would probably cover the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt and the PLO's efforts to win diplomatic recognition in Europe.

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MULLAH AND GUARD : A mullah from Azerbaijan, northwest Iran, visits the U.S. embassy in Tehran Thursday with his bodyguard. The bodyguard is wearing a martyr's shroud, signifying his willingness to die for Islam.

### 'U.S. strike in Gulf feared after Soviet move in Kabul'

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Lebanese press, which reflects all shades of thought in the Arab world, voiced fears Saturday that Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan would encourage the United States to strike in the Gulf region.

"The Soviet move could become a precedent for U.S. intervention in the Gulf," said the conservative Beirut daily *Al Anwar*. "The United States certainly has a stronger argument now for outright military intervention."

Other independent newspapers said the United States would now feel justified to undertake new military moves to safeguard the flow of oil to the West from the Gulf area, the world's top crude supplier.

"The Kremlin has turned on the green light for American intervention in Iran and elsewhere in the Gulf region," wrote Lebanon's leading columnist Michael Abo Jouda in *Al Nakar*.

"In fact, several rulers in the Middle East feel the earth shaking under their feet after the ouster of the Afghanistan region by direct Soviet military intervention. They are afraid of drastic changes of regimes that might entail drastic changes in the political and geographic map of the Middle East," Abu Jouda added.

*Al Liwa* criticized the Soviet intervention.

"Moscow has squarely placed itself in the same basket with Washington against political Islamism," the paper said.

This was a reference to the Islamic revolution of Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who called in the Soviet ambassador in Tehran Friday reportedly to protest the Soviet involvement in the Afghan coup.

### Shortage of money cited as main UNRWA problem

AMMAN, Dec. 29 (R) — The United Nations Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) Saturday complained that "shelling, health hazards and money shortage were among the problems that faced it in 1979."

It said in a press release issued by its headquarters in Vienna and Amman that "with the approach of 1980, UNRWA prepared to enter its fourth decade as a temporary agency serving the refugees pending a just settlement of the Palestine refugee problem."

The agency relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions for its funding and the lack of money was its most serious single problem during the year, it said.

The shortage of money almost led to the closing down of some 290 junior secondary schools but this has been temporarily averted thanks to special contributions by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya.

Reviewing its activities in 1979, UNRWA said its Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck had pledged he would do all he could to maintain its education, health and relief services for eligible persons among the 1.8 million registered refugees.

Those services would be maintained until the expiry of the agency's current mandate in June 1981, and beyond, if the United Nations General Assembly decided to extend UNRWA's mandate, the agency added.

UNRWA has taken strong preventive measures which helped the refugees escape a cholera epidemic, though a large number of cholera cases was reported in the Middle East.

"Problems in southern Lebanon continued in 1979, seriously disrupting the lives of the population and UNRWA's work for refugees in the area."

"At one point more than 50,000 refugees had fled their homes because of Israeli military action. And a number of UNRWA buildings and refugee shelters were damaged by shelling or bombing," the agency added.

### Bangladesh seeks talks with India

DACCA, Dec. 29 (AP) — Bangladesh security forces were reported to have asked India for a meeting after Indian and Bangladeshi border guards exchanged intensive fire Thursday night at a disputed area fringing India's northeastern Tripura state.

Earlier this month, the two sides had held a high-level meeting in New Delhi and decided to settle problems standing in the way of settling recurring border disputes.

Representatives of the two countries are scheduled to meet again next month here for further discussions on the border issue.

Meanwhile, officials said that President Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh will leave for New Delhi on Jan. 22 to attend the third council meeting of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

## Somalis go to polls today

MOGADISHU, Dec. 29 (R) — Somalia's vote Sunday in their country's first parliamentary and local government elections for 10 years in what diplomats see as a modest step toward democracy by the military government.

Somalia's largely nomadic population of three million has been exhorted by pamphlets, radio broadcasts and wall posters to exercise its right to vote for the 171 People's Assembly candidates and 1,074 district assembly candidates.

Many of the nomads in the arid hinterland will have to trek up to 16 kilometers to vote for the candidates, all of whom have been selected by the ruling Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party (SRSP).

Western diplomats in Mogadishu believe President Muhammad Siad Barre wants to give the people more involvement in government after his 10 years of military rule.

"The People's Assembly will at least provide a place where things can be said and can be shown as a step toward democracy," one diplomat said.

Addressing a rally in support of the candidates two days ago, Barre said the SRSP had promised in the wake of the 1969 coup which brought it to power that it would hold elections when the people had attained a high level of political consciousness.

The elections were provided for in the 114-article constitution which was approved in an August referendum. Posters in the westerly Indian Ocean capital urge people to vote for the candidates who were revolutionaries, hard workers and patriots.

The new assembly will meet in the People's Hall, the ruling party headquarters.

The people can vote yes or no for the one candidate for each seat. If the vote is "no" the party will choose a new candidate within six months.

Women over 18 can vote, having been given equal rights by the Siad Barre government.



ON PATROL : Three armed Israeli border patrol soldiers walk on a market street near Manager Square in Bethlehem last week as another armed guard stands on patrol on rooftop in background. Behind the soldiers are hand embroidered Arab dresses hanging on a telephone cable.

## Clashes erupt in northwest Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 29 (AP) — Arrested, he said.

The spokesman confirmed that 10 persons were slightly injured in the melee and said an 11th — a guardsman — received critical wounds and was not expected to live. He said the *Bamdad* report of one dead apparently referred to that guardsman.

The spokesman said nine of the militiamen were being held at an undisclosed location and another was in a hospital recovering from a bullet wound.

Attempts to negotiate their release have failed, the spokesman said, adding that party members fired on guardsmen approached their building Friday to open talks.

"They are just a loan of headed zealots who are bent on getting official recognition of their party. They are not willing to discuss anything other than recognition peacefully," he said in a telephone interview.

Party members were not available for comment.

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**Despite differences****China lauds U.S. ties**

KING, Dec. 29 (AP) — Differences remain over trade and U.S. trade barriers, but Sino-U.S. relations have tightened considerably in the year since formal ties were set. China's official Xinhua news agency has said.

The Chinese people are optimistic that Sino-U.S. relations will develop further in the days to come, said Xinhua correspondent Zhou Cipu, Friday.

Formal ties were estab-

**S. prison fire**

**Is ten inmates**

ANCASTER, Dec. 29 (UPI) — Ten prisoners have been injured by a fire at a local jail.

Officials said Friday a top-floor

lock in the two-story prison

was filled with smoke after the

beginning, and only three of the

nine in that section survived.

Two victims died from smoke

inmates, and one firefighter

in hospital Friday, one in criti-

cally conditions. Five other police

and firemen were treated for

injuries during the blaze.

The jail, built in 1823, was not

equipped with a sprinkler system.

East Chicago, Indiana, seven

men were killed and more than

ten injured as an explosion

through a section of the

and Hardlin Steel Co.

late Friday.

The Gary Post-Tribune said the

situation apparently created a gas

and several persons were

home. It was not determined

whether the explosion or the leak

caused the fatalities, the

paper said.

lished Jan. 1, he wrote, there have been frequent exchanges of visits, highlighted by Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's trip to the United States and U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale's trip to China.

The two countries have signed 15 bilateral agreements on such fields as trade, assets and consular relations, and trade between the two has grown to nearly \$2 billion, double that of 1978, he added.

Exchanges in many fields have increased considerably. U.S. companies are helping to explore for oil in the South China and Yellow Seas, and construction of a foreign trade center in China will start soon with U.S. cooperation.

He said about 40,000 American tourists have visited China this year, three times the 1978 figure.

Problems exist because of the two nations' different social and political systems, and such things as the U.S. law designed to maintain regular trade and cultural ties with Taiwan despite the absence of formal diplomatic ties with Taipei, Zhou said.

He said such acts harm "the

political foundation of the normalization" of relations between Peking and Washington.

He added, "The American side has not yet removed the barriers it had set up on trade, customs duties, technique transfer and other matters, and this also stunts to some extent the development of friendly cooperation between the two countries."

But he said he is hopeful for a remarkable increase in Sino-U.S. trade under the trade agreement which has been approved by committees in the U.S. House and Senate.



SETTLEMENT: Post holes shown in the photo indicate the site of a house and fence at Wolstenholme Towne, Virginia, where Indians killed 58 whites in 1622. Evidence of the settlement was discovered recently by archeologists digging along the banks of James River.

**Battle for influence seen****U.S., Cuba both eye Caribbean**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 29 (AP) — Impoverished Caribbean island nations are expected to remain the setting in 1980 for a U.S.-Cuba tug-of-war for influence.

The area caught Washington's attention in 1979 after a coup by Fidel Castro's admirers in Grenada dramatized Cuba's increasing interest in the area.

The vacuum left by the British spread in 1979 as London's last two outposts in the Windward Islands, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, became independent. In the Leeward Islands, St. Kitts may follow in 1980, as could Antigua.

After the Grenada coup and the election of a moderate Socialist

government in St. Lucia, President Jimmy Carter increased the U.S. military presence in the Caribbean and promised the area would get more aid.

The Dominican Republic was one of the few governments to openly endorse the U.S. moves.

Jamaica, though spared the hurricane's fury, was already getting U.S. aid to rebuild from earlier flooding, and struggling to meet the terms of an international monetary fund loan vital to its economy.

Puerto Ricans are debating their own future. Gov. Carlos Romero Barcelo's push for statehood got a boost with preparations for the commonwealth's first U.S. presidential primaries, to be held in early 1980.

Then, in December, pro-independence Guerrillas added a grim note to the debate, ambushing a U.S. Navy bus and killing two sailors.

Although the guerrillas point of view stands little chance at the polls, the threat of new violence now hangs over the primaries, gubernatorial election scheduled for 1980, and a status referendum that could result in a vote for statehood by 1981.

On top of that, Hurricane David wrecked the tiny island of Dominica and killed an estimated 1,200 people in the Dominican Republic, wiping out crops and emphasizing the small nation's dependence on outside aid in times of natural disaster.

Younger East bloc chiefs to replace aging veterans

PRAGUE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Communist Eastern Europe faces prospects that all of its leaders will be replaced in the new decade by politics, old age or death.

There are few signs of who the new leaders will be or what brand of Communism they will practice.

No leader in the Soviet bloc is younger than 61-year-old Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania, also Communist Party chief since 1965.

Poland's Edward Gierek and Czechoslovakia's Gustav Husak are both 66. East Germany's Erich Honecker and Hungary's Janos Kadar, 67, and Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov, 68.

Outside the Soviet bloc, Enver Hoxha, Albania's party leader since 1941, is 71.

The most elderly leader of all is Yugoslavia's Josip Broz Tito, who will be 88 next May. He has been trying to prepare his country for his demise — without allowing any one figure to emerge as a likely successor.

There seems little chance that Eastern Europe's next leaders, except for any successors to Tito

Belgian doctors' strike continues

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29 (R) — A strike by Belgian doctors, dentists and chemists has entered its second week with no early solution in sight.

A meeting scheduled with the government Friday broke down when the main Doctors' Trade Union walked out of the talks in protest at the absence of any gov-

ernment member.

Meanwhile, the 5,000-member Pharmacists' Association said the number of chemists on call would be reduced by half.

The indefinite strike is in protest against proposed wide ranging cost-cutting measures to reduce next year's expected \$1 billion losses by the national health services by \$600 million.

**Boeing safety checks ordered**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) —

The Federal Aviation Administration has ordered U.S. airlines to inspect engine mounts on most of their Boeing 747 aircraft for damage to one of the Jumbo jets during a rough landing in London.

The U.S. airlines were directed Friday night to make the inspections within 25 flight hours and look for any loose or missing fasteners. Foreign airlines were asked to make the same checks voluntarily.

FAA spokesman Dennis Feldman said 340 of the 410 747s flown worldwide should be inspected, but the FAA order applies only to 747s owned by U.S. airlines. Feldman said he did not know how many of the 340 planes are owned by U.S. airlines.

Feldman said if any problems are found with the fasteners, the airlines are to replace them. Those planes must then be inspected further for cracks, which should be immediately repaired according to FAA-approved methods.

The order came at the urging of the National Transportation Safety Board, which recommended a one-time inspection of 747 aircraft equipped with Pratt & Whitney JT9D engines.

"The action was taken as a result of the accident Thursday afternoon when a Pan Am 747 cargo plane landed at Heathrow Airport and experienced a partial engine separation in the pylon structure," Feldman said. The pylon connects the engine to the wing.

Feldman said the FAA sees no problem at this time with the Boeing 747 inspections and problems experienced with pylons of the DC-10 jetliner.

Last week, the safety board ruled the crash of a DC-10 in Chicago May 25 was triggered by a 10-inch crack in a rear pylon bulkhead that had been caused by a maintenance procedure. The entire wing fell off on takeoff and the wide-body jet plummeted to

the ground, killing 273 persons.

The 747 jet that flew from New York to London touched down firmly at Heathrow Thursday in gusty crosswinds.

"Shortly afterwards," the board said in its recommendation, "the forward part of the right-hand outboard engine was observed to drop, leaving the engine attached at the rear and a fire developed. The fire was quickly extinguished and the three crew members escaped without injury."

The safety board said the partial engine separation occurred in the engine mount, or pylon, section at a forward bulkhead, one of the points where it attaches to the wing.

Williams estimated that close to 415 of the 747s have been delivered worldwide, with "quite a bit less than half" in the United States.

The safety board also said it is sending a representative to assist the United Kingdom accident investigation branch in the probe.

**Singh pledges to impose tax on rich to help poor**

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (AP) — Caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh has said that if his party Lok Dal (Peoples' Party) is elected to office in India's national election next week, it will levy heavy taxes on affluent Indians, cancel the 1982 Asian Games scheduled to be held here and provide drinking water for the villagers.

"Our resources will not be spent on airconditioners and cars for the rich but on providing clean latrines for the village people, for the womenfolk particularly; not on five star hotels but on projects for clean drinking water to more than 100,000 villages which do not have this facility, not on unnecessary international conferences or Asian Games costing crores of rupees (millions of dollars)...but on irrigation, better seeds and better fertilizers," Singh, 77, said in a nationwide broadcast over the state-run radio Friday.

"Our party has made it clear that there are no soft options for this country," Singh continued. "...If the poor are to be helped, somewhere somebody has to accept sacrifices. Somebody must pay and, perhaps very dearly, if poverty is to be eliminated quickly."

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## A year in skiing to be remembered

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — The names Ingemar Stenmark and Annemarie Moser-Proell stand alone in contemporary Alpine ski racing, but a 25-year-old Swiss woman who burst into the limelight for the first time in 1972 is making inroads.

The year 1979 will be best remembered for the Swedish Stenmark's incredible string of 10 consecutive World Cup giant slalom victories, although he wound up only fifth in the overall standings because he steadfastly refused to ski the downhill. The 23-year-old from north of the Arctic Circle won 13 world cup races last season to break a record of 12 by Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy.

The year will also be remembered for Moser-Proell's arduous climb from 1 1/2 years' retirement to an unprecedented sixth World Cup title.

The 26-year-old farm girl from Leinart, Austria, won six downhills in the 1978-79 season, giving her a career total of 58 World Cup victories, unmatched in the 14-year history of the tour.

With the 1979-80 season less than a month old, however, an oldtimer is reasserting herself.

Marie Theres Nadig of Flums, Switzerland, first made her mark as

a 17-year-old, winning the women's downhill at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, dramatically upsetting the 18-year-old Proell.

She has lingered around the leaders, but never over them, ever since. Last season, she wound up fifth in the overall standings, third in downhill, but this year, she won the first three World Cup races of the season.

She won the opening race, a downhill, on Dec. 5 at Val d'Isere, France, as Moser-Proell finished fifth. She won a giant slalom the following day, and on Dec. 14, she won another downhill, this at Piancavallo, Italy, while Moser-Proell settled for second. Her string was finally broken by Moser-Proell on Dec. 15 in a slalom race, Nadig's favorite discipline.

When one looks in retrospect at the year 1979, one also must look ahead to 1980 and the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. Nadig's performance makes her an early favorite.

And the Americans?

The year 1979 was one of heartbreak for them. Phil Mahre, a 22-year-old from White Pass, Washington, was dueling Peter Luescher of Switzerland for the World Cup title.

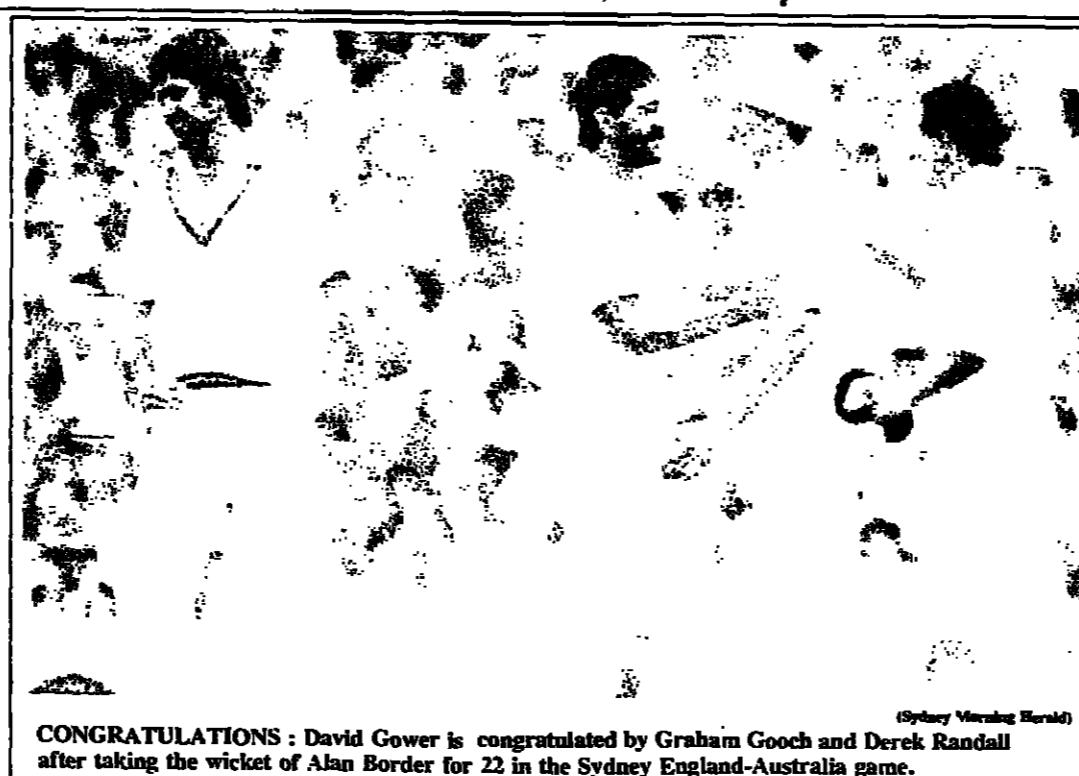
### In Brisbane

## Thomson for fitness test

BRISBANE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Australian fast bowler Jeff Thomson's immediate Test career will depend on a fitness test scheduled for the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Sunday morning.

Thomson must pass the test before being cleared to play in the second Test against England starting in Sydney next Friday.

Thomson is suffering from a recurring strained left ankle and bruising on his right foot and was forced to withdraw from



CONGRATULATIONS : David Gower is congratulated by Graham Gooch and Derek Randall after taking the wicket of Alan Border for 22 in the Sydney England-Australia game.

### On first day of Test

## Windies blitz flattens Aussies

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AP)

— The West Indies blitzed Australia with both bat and ball to seal a firm initiative on the first day of the second Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday.

At the close, the visitors were 103 for one after putting Australia out for 156 runs off only 56.3 overs.

At lunch, Australia were 68 for one after seemingly surviving all that the West Indies could throw at them with the new ball.

Then Clive Lloyd called on giant medium-pacer Joel Garner, a move which should have been made much earlier, with almost immediate results.

Garner, bowling an immaculate line and gaining fearsome lift from the wicket, snared the key early wickets of Julian Wignall (40), Allan Border (17) and captain Greg Chappell (19).

Inspired by Garner's efforts, Michael Holding and Colin Croft bowled with more penetration after lunch to finish off the remaining batsmen, holding taking four wickets and Croft taking three.

	40
B Laird c Lloyd b Holding	16
A Border c Richards b Garner	17
G Chappell c Murray b Garner	19
R Hughes c Rowe b Holding	4
P Toohey c Roberts b Holding	10
R Marsh c Kallischaran b Holding	0
D Lillee c Lloyd b Croft	12
G Dymock c Kallischaran b Croft	7
R Hogg c Greenidge b Croft	14
J Higgs not out	0
(Extras (9b, 4nb, 2nb))	17
Fall: 1-38, 2-69, 3-97, 4-108, 5-112, 6-118, 7-123, 8-133, 9-143.	
Bowling: Roberts 14-1-39-0, Holding 14-3-40-4, Croft 13-3-4-27-3, Garner 17-7-33-3	
West Indies 1st innings 103 for one	
G Greenidge not out	26
B Haynes c Hughes b Lillee	29
V Richards not out	45
(Extras (1b-1 nb-2))	3
Fall: 1-46.	
Bowling: Lillee 5-0-25-1, Hogg 4-0-45-0, Dymock 6-0-21-0, Higgs 2-0-9-0, Chappell 1-1-0-0.	

John Long made his first eight field goal attempts and finished with 32 points to spark Detroit's victory, snapping the Pistons' eight-game losing streak. The Nuggets, who suffered their ninth consecutive road loss, got 20 points from Bobby Wilkerson.

In other NBA games Friday night, the Detroit Pistons beat the Denver Nuggets 114-98, the New Jersey Nets downed the Indiana Pacers 116-101, the New York Knicks ripped the Chicago Bulls 120-102, the Phoenix Suns trimmed the Kansas City Kings 118-112 and the Seattle SuperSonics thrashed the Portland Trail Blazers 126-97.

"Although we scored over 120 points and shot the eyes out of the basket, the difference in this game was defense," Westhead said after the Lakers' 123-105 National Basketball Association triumph Friday night.

Westhead specifically mentioned Jamaal Wilkes' job on Bird and Norm Nixon's performance against Boston's Tiny Archibald, "and with Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) all over the court, it was easily our best individual defensive effort of the year."

"The game was billed as a glamor game between Bird and Magic, but neither was instrumental," agreed Celtics coach Bill Fitch. "It was Kareem and Jamaal who made the difference."

Abdul-Jabbar, concentrating on defense, managed 15 points, while Wilkes had 22. In one stretch, Johnson and Wilkes helped Los Angeles score 18 of the next 14 points.

Many in the crowd of 17,505, the Lakers' first home sellout since March 12, had come to see the first Bird-Johnson matchup since Johnson helped Michigan State the U.S. College Basketball Championship last spring.

"The Bird is a great player, but right now, I'm 2-0 against him," said Johnson, who scored 18 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and finished with eight rebounds and six assists.

Czech makes Aussie quarters

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Five seeds in the women's draw, led by young Czech star Hana Mandlikova, advanced Saturday to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open.

Mandlikova, although drained by the severe heat, overcame Australian left-hander Leanne Hartigan 6-4, 7-5. The Czech is chasing her fourth tournament title on the Australian circuit. She has already captured a tournament on the court being used for the Open, plus the South Australian and New South Wales Opens.

Mandlikova's chances of adding the Australian national title to the others were given a boost Friday when top-seed Virginia Ruzici of Romania was eliminated by little known Australian Mary Sawyer.

Czechoslovakia's Renata Tomanova had problems with Australia's Pam Whiterross, beating her in two hours, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Two Americans, Barbara Jordan, seeded No. Four and Janet Newberry, seeded seventh, also won through to the quarterfinals.

Jordan defeated Australia's Ann Minter 5-7, 6-1.

The sole Australian to qualify for the quarterfinals was Cynthia Boerner, seeded No. Eight. Boerner defeated known countrywoman Sue Saliba, 5-7, 7-6.

### Emburey grabs three wickets

## England takes commanding lead

BRISBANE, Dec. 29 (R) — Replacement off spinner John Emburey took wickets in his first match to put England in a strong position halfway through their four-day match against Queensland here Saturday.

"I didn't understand Wayne Morgan's call. When I looked around he had started and I had no option but to go through," a disappointed Cosier said.

It was newcomer Morgan who provided the early resistance with a solid 50 in 156 minutes.

There was little that could be described as spectacular about Morgan's knock, but he stayed until 89 runs were on the board and four of his more experienced teammates were back in the pavilion.

England had resumed at 292 for eight and the last two wickets added 32 runs.

Queensland's new players Wayne Morgan and Alec Parker led a determined fightback, having both interrupted honeymoons to play. The two together with Parker, provided a good slice of the Queensland innings, which at one stage looked likely to fall well behind the target set by England.

But it was a poor dress rehearsal for Queensland's remaining Sheffield Shield games, as the state strived once more to win the elusive title for the first time since entering the interstate competition more than 50 years ago.

The early Queensland batsmen were overwhelmed by the England attack, led by Test fringe left-arm bowler John Lever, who finished with 2 for 39.

Queensland captain Gary Cosier went into the match backed by a season's average of 71 as an opener and with a great chance of establishing claims for a recall to the Test scene.

The big Queenslander checked

his usual aggression and looked ready for a worthwhile innings when his stay was cut short by a run out after momentary hesitation in going for a third run.

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Then Wayne Broad's flowing 53, with seven fours and two sixes, wiped out any thoughts England's skipper Ian Botham may have had about enforcing a follow-on.

England began its second innings with 30 minutes to see out the close.

England 1st innings 324 (overnight 292 for eight)

D W Randall c Langley b Rackemann

W Larkins c Langley b Schuller

G A Gooch c Sub b Rackemann

P Willey c Phillips b Rackemann

I T Botham c Parker b Hohns

D I Gower c Phillips b Schuller

R W Taylor c Hohns b Cosier

J E Emburey c Schuller

G L Stevenson c Langley b Balcam

G R Dilley c Phillips b Balcam

J K Lever not out

Extras: (b-4 lb-4 nb-5 w-1)

Fall: 1-0, 2-6, 3-83, 4-120, 5-148, 6-194, 7-253, 8-283, 9-320

Bowling: Rackemann 22-5-72-3 Schuller 27-3-73-3 Balcam

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G J Cosier run out

W G Morgan c Taylor b Lever

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T V Hohns b Emburey

J N Langley c Taylor b Lever

W R Broad c Randall b Emburey

A D Parker not out

R B Phillips c Taylor b Stevenson

D N Schuller c Botham b Emburey

L F Balcam b Willey

C G Rackemann c Taylor b Willey

Extras (nb)

Fall: 1-19, 2-30, 3-35, 4-67, 5-89, 6-138, 7-163, 8-212, 9-217

Bowling: Lever 15-3-39-2 Stevenson 14-4-43-1 Gooch 4-2-0

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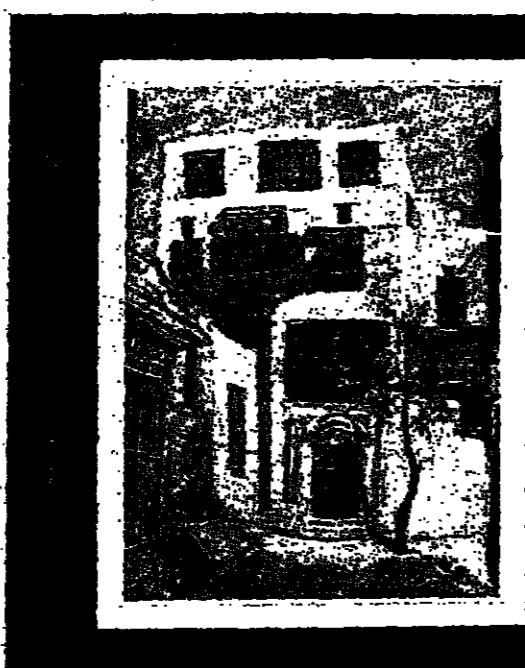
Zabun: A Hejazi woman wearing the traditional Zabun dress



SLIPPER CARRIER: A wooden slipper inlaid with silver, a sword, a plant and the Koran are carried to the bride's house. From the Marriage Series.

## Safeya Binzagr, artist and historian, makes it all seem easy

Story by RAANA SIDDIQI  
Photographs by MUHAMMAD NAQI



JEDDAH — It is not easy to be both a woman and an artist in Saudi Arabia, but Safeya Binzagr has come a long way.

For her first exhibition here in 1968, Miss Binzagr organized the entire show, from the publicity, to the hanging of the tableaux. Yet she and fellow artist, Munira Mosli did not attend the opening.

Since then, she has put on three more shows and has taken an advanced art course at London's St. Martin's School. A distinguished member of the Saudi art society, she has recently published a book, *Saudi Arabia: An Artist's View of the Past*.

At times, she finds it difficult to work.

"I can't just go on my own around the old town or to the

The stories told by her elders gave her a glimpse of the past and its ways. After painstaking study, based mainly on her interviews with old people, she did "Henna" an orange dye used at ceremonial occasions), the first of nine genre paintings about marriage rites. The series took eight years to complete.

"I did not paint the ceremonies in the order a Hejazi marriage is supposed to be." She let her brush go as it led her.

How do people feel about her recapturing of the past? "There may be people who have something to say against it, but on the whole people like my subject: the old are reminded of their young days and it helps the young to know something of their past." In

shade is given free rein.

Abdul Aziz Al-Rifai, the noted art critic, says in the introduction to *An Artist's View of the Past*, "Safeya has done something commendable. She has preserved (these) scenes from the ravages of time and oblivion."

But she has done much more. When her paintings move beyond the subject matter, they stand alone as coherent works of art.

The hardbound 139-page book has 69 color plates and is published by Three Continents publishers of Lausanne. Each repro-

duction has a caption explaining the historical background and descriptions of both the geography and the culture. As a storyteller, Miss Binzagr knows that accuracy is all: "You see, the shape, the color and embroidery of a mask (veil) and even a costume distinguished the women tribes from another." As a who is drawn to early Renaissance paintings, to Cezanne and she must also know that aing, if it is to be a successful cannot depend on a costume explain itself.

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tribes in order to find information about my subject. On the whole, people are helpful in my research. Yet every now and then, a lot of questions are asked as to why I am being nosy."

The family of any ambitious, talented woman is not always helpful but Miss Binzagr has found hers to be invaluable. It was her brother, Waheed, Binzagr, a former mayor of Jeddah, who first urged her to publish a collection of her work. She had her doubts at first but, as she says, "Like my training in art, my whole family has been a source of encouragement and inspiration."

As a child, Miss Binzagr chose to study English rather than art, though she had at a very young age shown an aptitude for the latter. Her family planned to send her to school in England so she decided to learn the language as soon as possible.

"Besides I never dreamed that I would be able to study art. Being a woman, I felt that self-expression beyond my home would not be considered proper. But I could not do without painting."

She took up painting as a hobby soon after her return from England. It was in Cairo a little later that she took private lessons. Her early works are random scenes from here and there: the desert, the pasture, the seaside. Soon she found her field, an ironic choice for a woman who has extended the boundaries of acceptable work for women: tradition.

"Life was becoming too fast and it was inevitable that those colorful ceremonies and customs of leisure that were once a way of life be put away in the archives."

fact, some of the customs depicted in her marriage series are coming back into use," Miss Binzagr says.

The first thing that strikes one about Miss Binzagr is her simple charm and unassuming manner. It is obvious that she is an artist for the Binzagr Villa is virtually a gallery where her favorite work, *Zabun*, is given a prominent place.

Her portraits of women seem to come across more strongly than her other works, though all her paintings have honesty, so sadly lacking in much of the hackneyed attempts by foreigners and others at work here. *Zabun* is no exception. The lines of the face, the shadows at the cheekbones and chin, the wide, close-set eyes, the almost sardonic smile, the erect posture of the girl make it an extremely evocative work.

"Some people see my sister in her. Perhaps while doing that painting I was unconsciously thinking of her."

It is an example of the artist transcending her somewhat parochial subject matter. The girl is given a character and a strength that is not dependent on her Hejazi or Saudi identity. The task Miss Binzagr has set herself, that of preserving what is left of the past, need not limit the value of her work. Her paintings are valuable documents of history in a country changing so fast, where attitudes make photography and drawing difficult. But her works need not be taken merely as records but as personal, artistic expressions as well.

Miss Binzagr chose her medium well, for her talent does not lie in the sketchbook but on the canvas, where her sense of color, light and

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**To \$ 28.20 a barrel****Oman increases price of crude**

BAHRAIN, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Oman has increased the price of its crude oil by 16.5 per cent and Kuwait is to announce a new price soon, the Saudi Press Agency reported Saturday.

The agency said in a despatch from Muscat that Oman had raised the price of oil by \$ 4 to \$ 8.20 a barrel, backdated to Dec. 1.

It said the new price was given by the Oman Oil Ministry under-Secretary Salem Shaaban, in an interview to be published in the official newspaper, *Oman*, today.

Kuwait oil minister Sheikh Ali halfa Al-Sabah said on returning from Caracas, Friday night, at the new price of Kuwaiti crude oil, now sold at \$ 21.43 a barrel, would be announced in the next few days.

The minister had attended a ministerial conference of the 3-nation Organization of Pet-

roleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Caracas which failed to agree on unified oil prices.

Oman, which last raised its oil prices Oct. 1, is not an OPEC member but it has benefitted from price increases by the organization. Its daily output averages 300,000 barrels.

Meanwhile, oil industry sources in New York said Friday that Libya, the supplier of nearly 2 per cent of U.S. oil needs, will raise the price of its crude by nearly \$ 5 a barrel to about \$ 35 Jan. 1.

In addition to the reported Libyan boost, Venezuela, Indonesia and Iraq Friday raised their prices by as much as 10 per cent.

The sources said Mexico, not an OPEC member but the supplier of about 3 per cent of U.S. oil needs, will increase its price by 30 per cent on Jan. 1 to \$ 32 for a 42-gallon barrel.

The Libyan increase will come

on top of a \$ 3.73 a barrel hike announced during last week's OPEC oil ministers' conference.

If the latest increases are followed by Nigeria and Algeria, which usually set prices similar to those charged by Libya, the average price of a 42-gallon barrel of OPEC oil could rise to about \$ 30, sources said, up from \$ 26 last week and \$ 22 in November.

Venezuela was the last OPEC member to announce a price change Friday, going from \$ 24 to \$ 26. Venezuela supplies about 3.5 per cent of U.S. oil needs.

Humberto Calderon Berti, Venezuelan minister told a press conference Friday the new prices affect some 45 different grades of Venezuelan crude and residual fuels.

He said the average sale price for all types of crude exports will go up about 10 per cent to \$ 22.57 a barrel. While its top-yield "Oficina" light crude will jump in price from a current \$ 26.75 a barrel to \$ 28.75, lower quality heavy crudes will sell at prices down to about \$ 18 to \$ 19 a barrel.

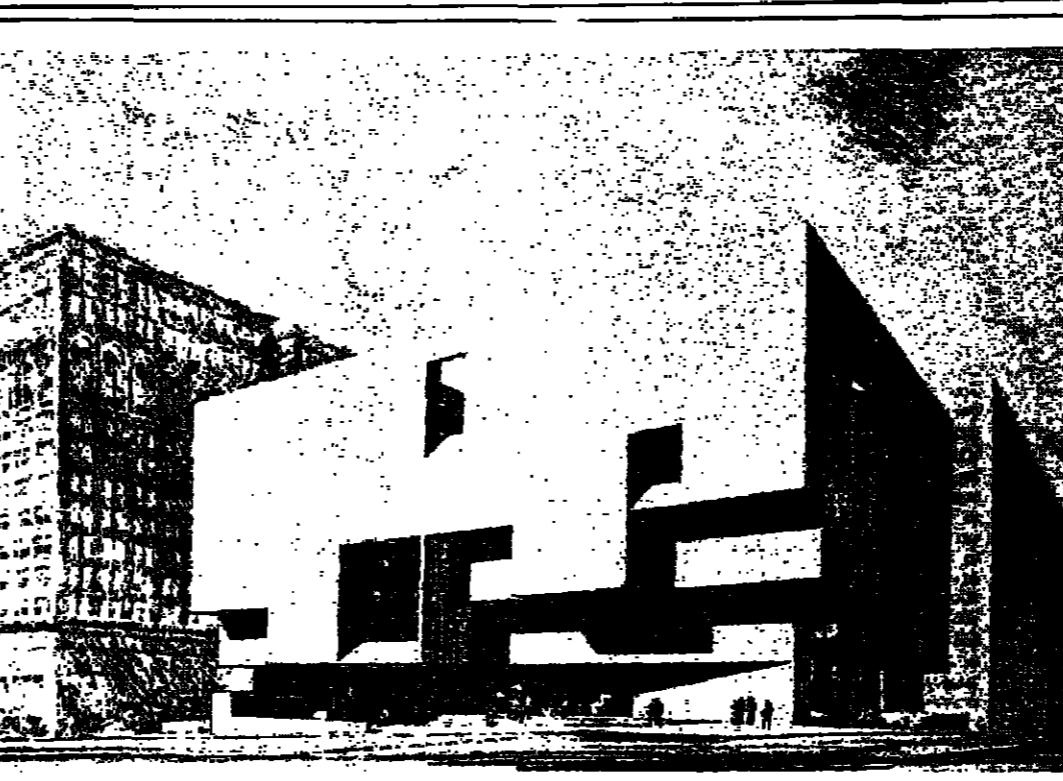
Some 45 per cent of Venezuela's exports now are heavy and extra-heavy crudes.

Iraq, the second largest producer in OPEC, raised the price of its oil to \$ 26 a barrel, according to industry sources, which said the boost was retroactive to Dec. 1.

Indonesia decided Friday to raise its export oil prices from an average of \$ 25.45 per barrel to \$ 30.75 per barrel, effective Jan. 1, 1980, the state-run oil company Pertamina said.

Together the two countries account for about 20 per cent of OPEC production.

Iraq produces 3.7 million barrels a day but exports relatively little of it to the United States. It has raised production substantially over the past year.



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**On eve of '80s****Bullion still dominating market**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — The dawn of the ultra-modern 1980s may be approaching, but the dominant theme in the investment world just now is an ancient one: silver and gold.

The precious metals staged a spectacular rise in price during 1979, outstripping all the more elaborate attractions for capital that people have devised in modern days.

Gold has more than doubled, and silver has approximately tripled, since last New Year's. And as the statisticians prepared to close the books on the 1970s, those runaway markets gave little sign of slowing down.

Once again, like a storm warning flag, the price of gold is flying higher," wrote Julian Snyder in his investment advisory letter "International Moneyline."

As gold passed the \$500 an ounce level for the first time this past week, traders in the stock market seemed to be mesmerized.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials drifted sluggishly all

week, closing Friday at 838.91, unchanged from the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index, meanwhile, edged up 15 to 61.88.

Only at the American Stock Exchange, home of many smaller companies involved in the business of another precious commodity — oil — did prices show any life. The Amex market value index gained 3.17 to 244.61, a record high.

Since gold and silver know no national boundaries, they are a natural place for that capital to seek refuge.

"Clearly the anxiety level among holders of oil wealth is rising," observed James A. Sinclair, partner in a New York commodities house that bears his name.

To many analysts used to seeking out "rational" explanations of what markets do, the behavior of gold and silver lately puts newcomers to those markets in a treacherous position. Investment history strongly suggests that the hottest markets are the most likely place to get burned.

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BATS	243	243	
Beecham Group	118	118	
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Brown & Root	161	161	
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Bowering	126	126	
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## Rhodesia lurches toward a ceasefire and a peaceful settlement



Military commanders of the Patriotic Front come home to Salisbury. At right is Rex Nhongo of ZANLA. At left is Lookout Mashuku of ZIPRA.



Australians of the Commonwealth Ceasefire Monitoring Force check their weapons before heading into the bush.



Rhodesian Brigadier shows Britain's Lt. Col. R. J. Rhoderick-Jones the main gathering points for the guerrillas.



A supporter of the Patriotic Front is bitten by a police dog at the exuberant demonstration at Salisbury Airport welcoming the PF home from Zambia and Mozambique.



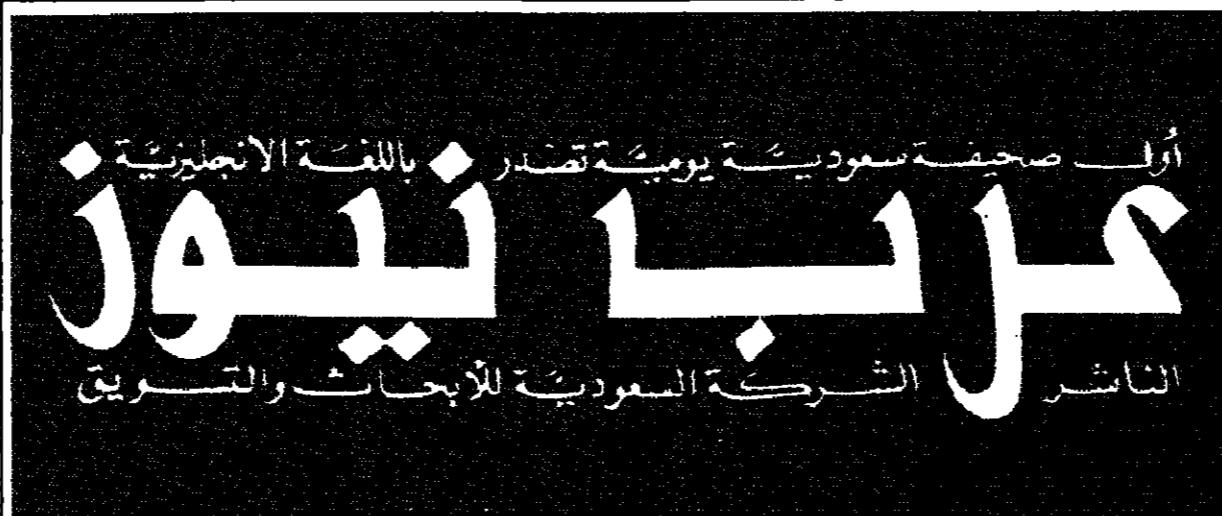
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## International

### Fighters return from the bush

## War in Rhodesia officially at an end

SALISBURY, Dec. 29 (AP) — The ceasefire in Rhodesia's seven-year-old war was to begin just after midnight on Saturday and black guerrillas began moving from the bush special assembly points.

"The Patriotic forces have begun to make contact," Col. Mike Busby said, "and it's a very encouraging start."

Meanwhile, Rhodesian Security Forces were reported to have pulled back to their base areas as part of a ceasefire accord

reached last week in London, the agreement between the guerrillas and the Salisbury government of Abel Muzorewa who resigned to make way for the temporary re-imposition of British colonial rule under Lord Soames, the colonial governor.

Busby said 1,200 British and Commonwealth monitoring troops were all deployed in the field by Saturday, except for "three or four" reception centers for guerrillas where roads had been washed out by torrents of

rain. The African rainy season is upon Rhodesia. "But we hope to have them in their places later in the day," Col. Busby said.

There were no reports of violence Saturday. A Rhodesian police vehicle tripped a landmine on Friday while leading a convoy of monitoring troops to their post in the southwest. There were only minor injuries in the blast and the convoy proceeded to its position.

Busby said he couldn't give an immediate estimate of how many guerrillas had appeared at the reception centers — which will total 39 when deployment is completed by the British and Commonwealth troops.

"I've just come back from operations and no figures have come in so far," he said.

The guerrillas — estimates of their total vary between 15,000 and 30,000 — are supposed to have reported to the monitoring troops by Saturday. Those who still remain in the bush after that date will be considered to be "outlaws" by the colonial authority.

The guerrillas are allowed to keep their weapons, as are the Rhodesian forces.

British officials explained Friday that the ceasefire is aimed at a disengagement of opposing forces and an end to fighting so that the campaign for fresh elections in February can proceed.

The election, in which guerrilla organizations and present Salisbury politicians will take part, begins Dec. 31, when organizations represent their intent to take part.

Under a British-drafted constitution, the 250,000 white minority here will have guarantees of representation in the new 100-seat parliament. Thus, whites will vote for 20 reserved seats on Feb. 14.

The black majority, 9 million in all, will vote over a three-day period — Feb. 27-29 for the other 80 seats.

In order to prevent repercussions after the balloting, the British announced Friday that all ballots will be flown to Britain after the election so there can be no prying into the used ballots to determine how certain voting stations cast polls for individual candidates.

Lord Soames Friday set the general election dates which will pave the way for legal independence for the colony after 14 years of rebellion.

Lord Soames made the announcement only hours before the ceasefire was due to come into force after seven years of guerrilla war which has cost the lives of more than 20,000 people.

The London agreement, reached this month after 14 weeks of tough negotiating, guarantees the 20 white seats for a minimum of seven years but does away with the blocking representation they enjoyed under the administration of former Prime Minister Muzorewa.

Lord Soames said in a statement that the ceasefire "brings not yet the certainty of peace but a promise that peace can be restored to Rhodesia."

He appealed to the forces of the Patriotic Front to heed the instruction of their co-leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe to comply with the ceasefire.

"Nobody is being asked to surrender, but to disengage so that free and fair elections can be held," the governor said.

He stressed that, under the London agreement, assembly of guerrilla forces at the 24 rendezvous and 16 assembly points scattered around the Rhodesian bush and monitored by British and Commonwealth troops, must be completed by Jan. 4.

"Much depends on this," Lord Soames said.

WRECK: The overturned hull of the 741-foot Lee Wang Zin which capsized in heavy seas on Dec. 25. The U.S. Coast Guard is to try and search for any survivors but chances are slim that any of the 30-man crew are alive.

### Heavy seas hamper search

## All feared dead on Pacific wreck

KETCHIKAN, Alaska Dec. 29 (AP) — Seven divers set out in rough weather Friday to explore an overturned ore freighter taking diesel fuel in the Pacific. Authorities said there was little chance of finding survivors among the Taiwanese crew.

The divers, aboard the Coast Guard buoy tender Laurel, left shortly before daybreak in the 64-kilometer, three-hour trip to the 41-foot Lee Wang Zin.

The National Weather Service reported 5-knot winds and seas of seven feet, but predicted that winds would decrease to 20 knots later in the day. The Coast Guard said if the weather did moderate, divers probably would be able to carry on as planned, but officials said no decision on actual operations could be made until the Laurel reached the ship.

A second body from the Lee Wang Zin was recovered Thursday, but diving plans were thwarted by 45-knot winds and 15-foot seas.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Ray Spoltzman said the grounding of the freighter Thursday might make it easier for the 25-member diving team approach from calmer sea on the ship's lee side to check for bodies or survivors from the 17-member crew.

Diesel oil from the ship spread over 100 square miles of ocean, and major oil-spill equipment was being brought to the scene on Seattle by the cutter Munro, which also is a large sick bay.

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